



May 2017

### Gravel Hill Primary School Newsletter

Welcome to the summer term at Gravel Hill Primary, please read the following newsletter which will update you on important information and about events happening in the next term.

**Good News:** We would like to let you know that Miss Bridges, EYFS Leader and the teacher in Reception Caterpillars is expecting her first baby in the Summer and is due to leave on maternity leave at the end of the academic year.

**Sad News:** Unfortunately there is a bit of sad news as Mrs Woodbridge is leaving Gravel Hill to start a new life at "the seaside". She will be leaving on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May after 3 ½ years with us. We wish her well and thank her for the invaluable service she has given the Gravel Hill family. Also Mrs Peters who helps in KS2 every morning is still poorly and we send her our love and hope she will be able to return soon.

**Lost Property:** Please name every item your child wears/brings into school as this makes it easier if it is found. The small office gets a lot of unnamed items every day!

**Term Dates:** If you would like to check all term dates and any up-coming events please go onto our Website [www.gravelhillschool.co.uk](http://www.gravelhillschool.co.uk) and click on Term Dates and Events.

#### Dinner Money – Lunch Arrangements

Could I please remind all parents that dinner money **MUST** be paid on the Monday for the week ahead, preferably using the School Gateway system [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). If payment is not received, your child **will not** be able to have a school dinner – they will not go without food completely as on the first day of non-payment they will be given a roll and salad from the salad bar. It will be your responsibility to provide a packed lunch (or payment) from the following day. If your child is off sick, a credit will be carried over to the following week.

Also, if you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please notify the school office, in writing, at least one week in advance. If it is an emergency we need to know at the start of the day, by 9.00am.

#### EVENTS:

**Mother's Day Tea:** We invited both Nursery and Reception parents/carers into school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March respectively, to celebrate the important females in the childrens' lives. Snacks, cakes and drinks were served by the children. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

**Comic Relief:** On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March children and staff dressed up as something funny for money. We manage to raise £194.16 to help children less fortunate than ourselves.

**Easter Raffle:** We held an Easter raffle just before the Easter holidays and I am happy to tell you that we raised £168.00. Well done to Nfemi who won the hamper full of chocolate goodies and Mrs Montgomery who won the Kindle. Thank you to Ashton Reeves, estate agents in Bexley High Street who kindly donated the hamper.

**Family Golden Time:** Parents/carers of years 1, 2, 3 and 4 were invited in on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April to join their children in bucket drumming. This was a very lively session and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

**EYFS Celebration Assemblies:** On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April there was a EYFS Celebration Assembly where certificates were handed out to the children who achieved 100% attendance and also the Reader, Writer, Mathematician, Sportsperson and Star Pupil of the Term for last term. The winners are:

<b>N</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Kayla Chambers	<b>RC</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Andrei Timariu	<b>RD</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Chloe He
	<b>Writer</b>	Ivy Doan		<b>Writer</b>	Belle Malyon		<b>Writer</b>	Heiridas Ivanauskas
	<b>Maths</b>	Connor Blowfield		<b>Maths</b>	Lily Caswell		<b>Maths</b>	Rion Krenzi
	<b>Sports</b>	Tyler Dale		<b>Sports</b>	Yasmine Mellon		<b>Sports</b>	Johnny Ives
				<b>Star Pupil</b>	Summer Bull		<b>Star Pupil</b>	

**KS1/KS2 Celebration Assemblies:** On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April we held the KS1/KS2 Celebration Assemblies where certificates were handed out to the children who achieved 100% attendance last term. Well done.

**Green School Awards 2017:** Gravel Hill were presented with the 'Best Green Champion Awards for Bexley' for 2017. This was in recognition of the work we do to promote WOW (Walk on Wednesday) and raise awareness of road safety issues. Congratulations to all at Gravel Hill



The picture shows Frankie Coray, Peter-David Ebot-Ntui, Mia Wells and Farida Adefenwa proudly showing off the award certificate.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**House Colour Inter Sport Competition:** During this half term House Captains will be running a House Colour Inter-sport competition. KS1 will be competing in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Initially this was going to take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May but we have decided to wait until the weather is a little warmer - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May but this is yet to be confirmed.

**Meetings for Parents:** On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm there will be a meeting for all parents/carers of children going to the Isle of Wight at the end of June. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm there will be a meeting for all Year 5 children to discuss the selection test procedure.

### KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 18th May	3.30pm	Meeting for all parents/carers of children going on the PGL
Thursday 18th May		Year 5 - Mayans Theme Day - Alan Murphy workshop (ltr sent)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	pm	Yr6 Orienteering Competition @ Danson Park (Ltr to follow)
Tuesday 23rd May	am	3S visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Fork Trail
Wednesday 24th May	am	3D visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Fork Trail
Thursday 25th May	am	4Pe Visit to Crayford Mosque
Friday 26th May	am	4PB Visit to Crayford Mosque
<b>Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June</b>		<b>May Half Term</b>
Monday 5th June		First Day back - Summer Term 2
Monday 5th June		Year 5 Trip - Greenwich Observatory
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm	Meeting for Year 5 parents – Selection Test Information
Monday 12th June	am	4Pe visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Fork Trail
Wednesday 14th June	am	4PB visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Form Trail
Thursday 15th June	am	5C visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Fork Trail
Friday 16th June	am	5A visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Fork Trail
Tuesday 20th June		Year 4 Trip - Toy Museum, Bethnal Green (ltr to follow)
Wednesday 21st June		Reception Trip - Shorne Country Park (ltr to follow)
Thursday 22nd June		Year 1 Trip - Eagleheights (ltr to follow)
Monday 26th June	am	6 visit to Tesco Welling - Farm to Form Trail
Tuesday 27th June		Year 2 Trip - Horton Kirby Environmental Centre (ltr to follow)
Thursday 29th June		Year 6 Trip - Chatham Ski Centre (ltr to follow)
<b>SPORTS DAY DATES THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:</b>		
Friday 23rd June	9.20am	KS1/KS2 Sports Day (Reserve Date - Friday 7th July)
Wednesday 28th June	9.20am	EYFS Sports Day (Reserve Date - Wednesday 5th July)